

News in Brief



SENIOR AIRMAN RHIANNON WILLARD

Dorm Airmen Step Up

Brig. Gen. Doug Fraser, 3rd Wing commander, tests one of 22 computers distributed throughout eight Elmendorf dormitories while dorm volunteer workgroup administrators look on. The installation of the computers has been a year-long project, and 20 dorm-resident volunteers will ensure the systems are maintained. These volunteers were trained in basic small computer workgroup administration by the 3rd Communications Squadron. They were presented with a Chief's Group Special Recognition Coin for their willingness to assist in the project and sustain the systems while living in the dorms.

Outstanding performers

■ Staff Sgt. Holly Kenyon of the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron expertly troubleshot an air conditioner that was experiencing multiple problems that had eluded seasoned mechanics. She systematically analyzed unit schematics and identified the primary cause of the malfunction, saved \$1,100 and raised the section's air conditioner in-commission rate from 60 to 80 percent. She utilized this troubleshooting problem to provide valuable training to three-level airmen.

■ Tech. Sgt. David Seia of the 12th Fighter Squadron made a mission possible when complications developed with tanker support on a recent RED FLAG deployment. He reorganized equipment, enabling one KC-10 to take all the equipment needed for the mission. He also

worked to find alternate ways to get the maintainers and remaining pilots to the deployed location.

Commander's shadow

Airman 1st Class Jennifer Holland of the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron is this week's commander's shadow.

Restoration meeting

The Elmendorf Restoration Advisory Board meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Residence Inn, 1025 E. 35th Ave. The meeting is open to everyone. Discussion topics include the engineering evaluation and cost analysis report on SS83; a World War II-era anti-aircraft site near Six Mile Creek; information from this year's "beach sweep" cleanup along the Knik Arm bluff; and the soil and debris removal undertaken this summer at the privatized housing

project near the Boniface Gate.

For more information, contact Doris Thomas, environmental community relations coordinator for 3rd Wing Public Affairs, at 552-8970.

Gate closures

The Muldoon and Post Road gates will have the following holiday schedule:

- Dec. 24: Muldoon Gate closed, Post Road Gate open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Dec. 25: Both gates closed
- Dec. 31: Muldoon Gate closed, Post Road Gate open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Jan. 1: Both gates closed

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center holds a Hearts Apart Coffee Break for spouses of deployed and remote tour members Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. No reservations are required. For more information, call 552-4943.



Virus warnings often hoaxes

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Farrell
354th Communications Squadron

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska — No one wants to deal with the damage a computer virus can create, but some computer network users are too protective. So when they get a virus warning, they send it out to everyone they know.

Unfortunately, many times this virus notification is a hoax, perpetrated originally by someone who hoped it would be resent. Eventually the message is forwarded so many times it clogs mail servers, slowing or crashing them.

How can you combat these hoax warnings?

- Don't open e-mail from unknown or suspect sources.
- Scan downloaded software and diskettes for viruses.
- Use Norton Anti-Virus tools.

If you see a virus warning, read it to see if it's from an official source. Try to determine if it's a hoax. One of the best ways to determine if the virus is a hoax is to check the current virus hoax listing by logging onto www.symantec.com/avcenter/hoax.html.

If you receive a virus notification from anyone but your workgroup manager, unit computer security manager or wing information assurance office, do not forward it — notify these experts and let them guide you.

Holiday publication

The *Sourdough Sentinel* will not be published Dec. 21 and 28 because of contractual obligations. People with information requiring publication in the Dec. 14 edition must submit information by Dec 10.

For more information, contact the *Sourdough* staff at sourdough@elmendorf.af.mil or by calling 552-2493.

Action Line

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Doug Fraser. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil



Brig. Gen.
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3rd Wing History Moment

Nov. 30,
1951:

The 3rd Wing flew 948 sorties throughout the month, losing three crewmembers and one aircraft.

Commissary hours

The Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 24, and closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Mandatory flu shots

All active duty members who have not received a flu shot should report to the Susitna Club today before 4 p.m.

SATO transaction fee

SATO now adds a non-refundable transaction fee of \$15.50 to each ticket (itinerary) issued at Elmendorf. The one-time fee covers a complete travel itinerary, regardless of how many air carriers or flight segments are involved.

The fee will be added to the ticket price and paid through the individual’s orders fund cite. The fee is not applicable to reservation changes prior to ticketing or to refunds, but will be charged for changes after ticketing that require a new ticket.

Units should wait until as close to the departure date as possible to have tickets issued to minimize costs.

For more information, call the Traffic Management Office passenger travel section at 552-1798.

Tree-lighting ceremony

The 3rd Wing Christmas tree-lighting ceremony is Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Chapel 1. All base personnel and their families are invited. Santa will attend, and refreshments will be provided. For information, call 552-4422.

Christmas musical

A base-wide Christmas musical will be presented Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at Chapel 1.

Air Force Band

The Air Force Band of the Pacific’s “Top Cover” will present its annual “Home for the Holidays” concert Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Atwood Concert Hall of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are available at the ACPA ticket office.

Squadron card contest

Squadrons must submit cards for the squadron Christmas card contest to the Community Center by Dec. 14. This year’s theme is “Peace on Earth.” Cards must be painted on 4-by-8-foot plywood. All items, including lights, must be supplied by the squadron creating the card. For more information, call 552-8528.

Tops in Blue concert

Tops in Blue presents a free performance Dec. 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the base theater.

Hearts Apart party

The Hearts Apart spouses group and the Enlisted Spouses of Elmendorf Alaska are holding a holiday party Dec. 8 from 2-4 p.m. at the Air Support Group Chalet for all families with deployed or remote tour members. Children are welcome. Make reservations by Dec. 7 by calling the Family Support Center at 552-4943.

HAWC classes

The Health and Wellness Center offers the following classes:

■ Learn how important it is to maintain a strong back at the Back Care class Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

■ Pregnant women can receive exercise information and instruction at the Fit Pregnancy class Dec. 17 at 10 a.m.

■ Get the most from your work-outs by attending the Fitness Basics course Dec. 20 at 1 p.m.

For more information or to register, call the HAWC at 552-2361.

Family Advocacy

Family Advocacy offers the following on-going classes:

■ Get practical advice on behavior and stages of children at the Positive Parenting class.

■ All About Babies is a three-part class in care giving, infant CPR and other baby-related topics.

■ Spouses can learn the “speaker/listener” technique to help manage relationship conflict at the Couples Communication class.

■ A Parents and Littles playgroup meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ Learn tools for handling emotions and relationships at the Anger Management class every Wednesday from 12-1 p.m.

■ The Airmen’s Group is a support group that teaches life skills and problem solving techniques.

For more information or to register, call Family Advocacy at 580-5858.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

■ Weekday Mass: noon at the Chapel Center

■ Friday Mass: noon at the Hospital Chapel

■ Saturday Mass: 5 p.m. at Chapel 2

■ Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1

■ Confession: 4:15 p.m. Saturday at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

■ Liturgical service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 2

■ Celebration (traditional): 9 a.m. at Chapel 1

■ Praise and Worship (contemporary): 11:45 at Chapel 2

■ Gospel service: noon at Chapel 2

Religious education

■ Catholic: Sundays from 9-10 a.m. at the Chapel

■ Protestant: Sundays from 10:25-11:15 a.m. at the Chapel Center

Other faiths

Contact the Chapel at 552-4422 for information

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The 12 Days of Service

By Mary M. Rall
3rd Services Marketing

The popular Christmas song is cheery enough, but does anyone really want to receive a partridge in a pear tree as a gift this year?

The 3rd Services Squadron has put a new spin on an old idea by giving you an opportunity to win big through the 12 Days of Christmas Promotion.

To enter, pick up an entry sheet at Services facilities, have it stamped at 10 or more of the 12 highlighted events

or activities in the “*Screamin’ Eagle*,” and drop it off by Dec. 31 in a drop box at any of the same facilities.

The winner will receive a coupon book with about \$180 in discounts and prizes from Services facilities.

One of the prominent events is the Air Force Tops in Blue shows Dec. 11 and 12 at the base theater. This year’s Tops in Blue team will take center stage for an hour-and-a-half, performing a variety of music styles ranging from big band to

pop, country to rhythm and blues, and contemporary Latin to nostalgic rock and roll. See page 7 for more information.

You can also attend the Monday Night Football Frenzy program at the Kashim Club, enjoy Sunday Brunch at the Susitna Club, take an Outdoor Recreation ski clinic, take a free class at the Fitness Center, dine and ski at Hillberg, enjoy Christmas Brunch at the Iditarod Dining Hall and more.

More details are online at www.elmendorfservices.com.

PARTY ON: The Kashim Club’s DJs have one of the largest music selections in Anchorage and the military, and are willing to prove it as the The Rajun Cajun spins the hits from 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. in the Kashim Lounge and T-Bone plays old and new R&B favorites from 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. in the Glacier Nite Club. 753-6131.

MOVIE: *Training Day* (R). Veteran officer Denzel Washington escorts rookie Ethan Hawke on his first day with the LAPD’s inner-city narcotics unit. 7 p.m.

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CLOSET CLEARANCE: Make room for the items you’ll receive this holiday season by joining us at the Community Center for a Community Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables will be available for \$10 each, and food and drinks will be served. 552-2674

MOVIE: *Training Day* (R). See Friday. 7 p.m.

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FAMILY FEAST: Treat yourself and your family by attending Sunday Brunch at the Susitna Club from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$11.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children 6-12, and children under 6 are free. Non-member adults please add \$3. 753-3131.

MOVIE: *Zoolander* (PG-13). A dangerous crime organization tried to enlist Derek Zoolander, a brainless supermodel. Starring Ben Stiller. 7 p.m.

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AWARD WINNER: The Skills Development Center now features gold pans. These 14 inch heavy stock brass pans are in the traditional Alaska gold pan design with a flat black finish in the center. The pans are \$35 each, including engraving, and are great for awards and gifts. 552-2674

PRESCHOOL: The Part-Day Preschool program has openings for two and three-day classes. 552-8228.

LOW PRICES: Present your Services card at most Services facilities to receive a 10 percent discount on features and fees. 753-3131.



STAFF SGT. JIM FISHER

Let’s eat!

Chief Master Sgt. Randy Stewart, 3rd Transportation Squadron, slices prime rib at the Iditarod Dining Facility during the Thanksgiving buffet Nov. 22.

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Kids Korner Crafts, Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. for \$15 at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

PAC Coat Drive, Saturday through Dec. 14 at the Denali and Katmai CDCs. 552-8304

Basic Sign I, Saturday from 3-5 p.m. for \$30 at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

Family Child Care Parent Information Night, Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the FCC office. 552-3995
Youth Art Exhibit, Monday

through Dec. 7 at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

Soda Floats, Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Youth Center. 552-2266

Christmas Canned Food Drive Bowling, Wednesday at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108
Ceramic Pouring Certification, Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. for \$20 at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

New Parent Orientation, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Katmai CDC. 552-5113
Large Nativity Standing

Angel, Thursday from 6-9 p.m. for \$25 at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

Super Friday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kashim and Susitna Clubs. 753-6131

Youth Art Show Judging, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

Give Parents a Break, Dec. 7 from 7-11 p.m. at the Denali CDC. 552-8304

Santa Mask Drybrushing, Dec. 7 from 7-9 p.m. for \$25 at the Skills Development Center. 552-2470

Chief of Staff stresses holiday safety

By **Gen. John P. Jumper**
Air Force Chief of Staff

The winter holiday season has arrived, and I want to emphasize the importance of our Air Force’s most critical asset – you.

Today we are engaged in missions worldwide, including defense of our own homeland. All of you are performing superbly. The holidays this year will have special meaning.

Friends and family share a new and special bond following the tragedy of Sept. 11. Airmen are respected by their fellow Americans as we help carry out American’s war on terrorism. Taking care of one another has never been more important, whether flying combat missions, building expeditionary facilities or driving to grandma’s house.

I ask each of you to embrace two fundamentals: use your seat belt and

don’t you, your family or your friends drink and drive. The loss of one of our Air Force family for any reason is heartbreaking enough. To lose one of our airmen or a family member to an alcohol or seat belt related incident that we could have prevented would be devastating. Please remember that it is often the other careless person who causes a disaster. Be alert to the other guy drinking, and worry about everyone

else when you drive.

There is no more important time than now for leaders to lead. Don’t let holiday cheer impair your responsibility to make the right decisions. Stay alive and well this holiday season wherever you are.

Ellen and I wish you and your families the very best during this holiday season, and to all people deployed, we look forward to your safe return.

Ground Zero visit brings mixed feelings

By **2nd Lt. Tana R. Hamilton**
Aeronautical Systems Center

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — I’ve been to New York City before, but at the end of September I saw a different place.

I walked south on Broadway, and as I got closer to where the towers once stood, I asked a store clerk where the closest place was to view the scene. But I did not need directions. As I walked closer to the towers, a putrid odor, similar to the charred smell of a house razed by fire, permeated the air. Its strength was surprising, since I was still blocks away, and this was two weeks after the attack.

I walked until I stared directly at the remains of the World Trade Center North Tower. I didn’t expect it to look so sterile. Police buses, rented fences and uniformed military members stood between the building and the closest accessible point. In contrast to its blackened, hollow exterior, a tall, white and glass high-rise stood behind it

with a large American flag proudly hanging near the top.

My nostrils burned from the smell, and my stomach turned. What I tasted was why people I’d seen there on television wore surgical masks. I had enough for one day.

The next evening, I went back to where I had left the day before, and circled the scene. At every intersection with a clear view, there were tourists and locals: never enough to block the whole road, never lingering too long, never talking too loudly. Some took videos or snapshots with their cameras. There was a somber feeling as couples put arms around their partners’ backs for some sort of comfort.

In the chilly night air, I saw what was left of the South Tower. I was glad I didn’t see it the first time. It wasn’t black, like the first one. It burned white and ashen, and the steel beams were more mangled. Smoke still rose from the floors underneath it, still burning like the remains of a camp-fire.

I passed a parking garage blocks away from the towers that had a lone car remaining. It must have been a white car, but I couldn’t tell through the inch or so of dust that had settled on it. Some had written poetry, or names and dates on the dusty windows of empty stores. Most of the memorial balloons, candles and signs had been moved to Union Square or washed away by the rain of the preceding days.

As a former combat camera photographer, I’ve documented humanitarian efforts, military operations and the effects on the victims in other countries. I’ve never seen destruction like this in my own country. This time, those affected were my friends, fellow military members and other Americans.

I had no desire to go any closer to get more images. I only wanted to offer my encouragement to those there, the heroes that witness our war zone daily and to understand what happened in New York City. I still don’t understand. But the hollow, solemn place that I saw, I will never forget.

Sports News

Harlem team here Dec. 19

Basketball show tours Anchorage military bases

By Master Sgt. Jon K. Scudder
3rd Wing Public Affairs

The Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team will do the razzle-dazzle for Army and Air Force audiences at the Buckner Field House, Fort Richardson, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

“This will be a great opportunity for military families to get out for some fun entertainment during the holidays,” said Shena Jones, 3rd Services Squadron’s marketing director.

The free show is part of the team’s tour of military installations throughout the Pacific Rim, which started Tuesday in Washington. Jones said the show will feature high-flying slam dunks, spectacular ball handling and hilarious comedy routines.

People can pick up free tickets at the Elmendorf Information, Tickets and Travel Office.



“For those who show up the night of the performance without tickets, entry will be on a space-available basis, starting at 6:55 p.m.,” said Jones.

Ambassadors President and General Manager Dale Moss is calling this tour “the most important in the history of the touring show basketball franchise.”

The team is led on the court by Ladè Majic, known as the “Queen of Show Basketball,” because of her role as a star performer for the team and the only woman coaching a team of male professional players. She has led the team on tours of Europe, Asia and the Pacific Islands.

“Our team members are selected for both their quality as people and

their quality as basketball performers,” said Majic, who also noted her players are drug-free and college-educated.

She said the team undergoes random drug testing to ensure the credibility and validity of the “Stay in School, Stay off Drugs” message that they will share with young people while on tour.

As part of their tour, the team will give free performances for young people at the Elmendorf and Fort Richardson youth centers. Elmendorf’s performance is scheduled for Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. and Fort Richardson is Dec. 19 at 10 a.m.

Facing the team for their performance here will be a squad of local players, the Elmendorf Eagles. The Eagles will play half of the game, and Fort Richardson’s basketball team, the Fort Richardson Rebels, will play the other half.

“When we play the military, there are always some stars who rise to the challenge of playing against professional players,” said Majic. “It keeps us on our toes, but we are still undefeated.”

For more information about tickets, call ITT at 753-2378.

Sports Shorts

Coaches’ meetings

A downhill skiing coaches’ meeting will be held Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. at Hillberg.

A cross-country skiing coaches’ meeting will be held Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Fitness Center.

For information on either meeting, call 552-2956.

Free classes

The Fitness Center offers more than 31 free classes, including yoga, spinning, aerobics, step aerobics and kickboxing. Log onto www.elmendorfservices.com or call 552-5353 for information.

Base pool opening

The base pool is scheduled to open Monday. Lap swimming will be from 5:30-7 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and open swimming will be from 6-8:30 p.m.

Bowlers needed

The intramural bowling league is looking for back-up bowlers. Interested people should call 552-1673 for more information or to sign up.